MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The allocation of power from Central Sector projects is made as per Central formula for allocation of power from Central Thermal Power Stations. During the current financial year from April, 1991 to January, 1992, the question of energy supplied from Ramagundam Sour Thermal Power Station of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to Kerala is 1031.7 Million Units against its entitlement of 953.5 Million Units.

(c) The entitlement vis-a-vis actual drawl by Kerala from the Central Sector i. e. Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station, Kalpakam and Neyveli-II Thermal Power Station during April, 1991 to February, 1992 are as follows:

Entitlement (In Million Units)	*Actual drawals* (In Million Units)
1824.4	1737.7

(d) and (e). Power supply to the beneficiary states is regulated not by NTPC but by the Regional Electricity Board depending on the demand and availability of power in the grid and other system constraints. There is no system for allocation of additional power for clearing back-log.

Prices of Newspapers

3193. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the measures the Government propose to take to curb the steep rise in prices of newspapers in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The prices of newspaper are fixed by the concerned publishers. The Government do not interfere in such matter.

Utilisation of Monsoon Rivers Water for Rajasthan

3194. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the utilisation of the dater of the monsoon rivers for drought prone districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the water of the Indira Gandhi Canal (Rajasthan Canal) is expected to be available; and

(d) the efforts made for the completion of the Canal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). National Water Development Agency has, under the National Perspective of Water Resources Development, recently taken up a broad based study of the Himalayan Rivers Development Component which inter-alia envisages diversion of surplus monsoon water from River Ganga and its estern tributaries to the water short areas of Rajasthan also. Their report is expected to be available by the end of the 8th Plan

(c) Water has been made available from Indira Gandhi Nahar System since 1961-62. The Stage-I of the project having irrigation potential of 5.76 lakh ha. has already been completed and almost full potential utilised. Work on Stage-II of the project is in progress and an irrigation potential of 1.86 lakh ha. has been created by March, 1991. Actual irrigation achieved during 1991-92 is 0.4 lakh ha. The State Government have informed that the completion of the Stage-II